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## SPOILS SYSTEM GETS JOLT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

President Roosevelt Vetoes  
Thirteenth Census Bill on  
That Account.

Submits Reports Showing  
Waste and Inefficiency.

LAST CENSUS COST TOO MUCH.

Washington, Feb. 5.—President Roosevelt today sent the following message to the lower house, vetoing the thirteenth federal census law, because it provides the spoils system of securing census employees:

"I herewith return, without approval, H. R. 16954, entitled 'An act to provide for the thirteenth and subsequent decennial censuses.' I do this with extreme reluctance, because I fully realize the importance of the census as an early date as possible with the force necessary to the carrying on of his work. But it is of high consequence to the country that the statistical work of the census shall be conducted with entire accuracy. This is as important from the standpoint of business and industry as from the scientific standpoint. It is, therefore, in my judgment, essential that the result should not be open to the suspicion of bias on political and personal grounds; that it should not be open to the reasonable suspicion of being a waste of the people's money and a fraud.

**The Spoils System.**

"Section 7 of the act provides in effect that appointments to the census shall be under the spoils system; for this is the real meaning of the provision that they shall be subject only to noncompetitive examination. The proviso is added that they shall be selected without regard to political party affiliations. But there is only one way to guarantee that they shall be selected without regard to politics and on merit, and that is by choosing them after competitive examination from the lists of eligibles provided by the civil service commission. The present director of the census in his last report states the exact fact about these noncompetitive examinations when he says:

"A noncompetitive examination means that every one of the many thousands who will pass the examinations will have an equal right to appointment, and that personal and political pressure must in the end, as always before, become the determining factor with regard to the great body of these temporary employments. I can not too earnestly urge that the director of the census be relieved from this unfortunate situation."

"To provide that the clerks and other employees shall be appointed after noncompetitive examination, and yet to provide that they shall be selected without regard to political party affiliations, means merely that the appointments shall be treated as the perquisites of the politicians of one party. I do not believe in the doctrine that to the victor belong the spoils; but I think even less of the doctrine that the spoils shall be divided without a fight by the professional politicians on both sides; that this would be the result of permitting the bill in its present shape to become a law. Both of the last census, the eleventh and the twelfth, were taken under a provision of law excluding competition; that is, necessitating the appointments being made under the spoils system. Every man competent to speak with authority because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the work of those censuses has stated that the result was to produce extravagance and demoralization. Mr. Robert P. Porter, who took the census in 1890, states that—

**Porter's Report.**

"The efficiency of the decennial census could be greatly improved and its cost materially lessened if it were provided that the employees should be selected in accordance with the terms of the civil service law."

"Mr. Frederick H. Wines, the assistant director of the census of 1900 states as follows:

"A mathematical scale was worked out by which the number of assignments to each senator and representative was determined in advance, so many appointments to a senator, a smaller number to a representative, half as many to a Democrat as a Republican, and in Democratic states and congressional districts the assignments were made to the Republican state and district committees. The assignments named in the first instance the persons to be examined. They were afterwards furnished each

## Man Standing in Tennessee Shot and Fatally Wounded Walter Ladd, Who Was Standing in Kentucky

Paducah Young Man Probable  
Victim of Assassination at  
Fulton Last Night—Brought  
to Riverside Hospital.

Fulton, Ky., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Following a dispute over the payment of road tax, Walter Ladd, 22 years old, was shot through the stomach by James Eaton and fatally wounded last night about 8:20 o'clock. Six shots were fired, but only one took effect, and his physicians say there is only a slender chance of his recovery. After the shooting Eaton was arrested and placed in jail. It is said that Eaton, who is deputy road overseer, was drinking when he shot Ladd. The shooting took place on Tennessee street, and created much excitement. Ladd was conscious after the shooting, but was in great pain. A peculiar incident about the shooting is that Eaton, who fired the shots, was in Tennessee at the time, while Ladd was on Kentucky soil, as the dividing line between the two states passes up Tennessee street. Ladd was standing on the sidewalk and Eaton had stepped into the street before he turned and fired the shots. The men had quarreled early in the evening, and Eaton went to a hardware store and purchased the cartridges with which he loaded his pistol. Ladd, it is said, was unarmed.

After the shooting Eaton surrendered himself, but no deputy sheriff in Tennessee could be found to take charge of him.

**Ladd Brought Here.**

This morning at 1:33 o'clock Ladd was brought to Paducah, and was placed in Riverside hospital, where his condition is still critical. He is conscious, but his physicians refuse to let him talk, owing to his weakened condition. Ladd is the son of Mrs. Jeff Frain, 1270 Kentucky avenue, and has been in Fulton working on a farm. He was in Paducah Saturday night. Besides his mother he has four brothers: John, Luther, Lucien and Mack.

### Miners' Officials

Indianapolis, Feb. 5.—E. S. McCullough, of Bay City, Mich., was elected vice-president of the miners and Edwin Perry, of Oskaloosa, Ia., secretary and treasurer on the second ballot this morning.

### Prominent Fire Bugs

Marion, Ill., Feb. 5.—Charged with having started the fire which burned Cartersville two months ago, with a loss of nearly \$2,000,000, John Howell, a prominent man and owner of the building where the fire started, and Fel' Kelly are in jail.

## CABINET CRISIS ANTICIPATED IN GREAT BRITAIN--NEWSPAPERS COMMENT ON IT

London, Feb. 5.—Several of the leading London newspapers publish the news of a crisis in the British cabinet. The Daily Chronicle, while predicting that the cabinet itself will not fall to pieces, says that rumors of impending resignations affect the portfolios held by David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer; Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade; Lord Morley, secretary of state for India, and John Burns, president of the local government board. The Daily Mail announces that the struggle in the cabinet is extremely stubborn and may at any moment result in an open rupture.

The Daily Graphic tells the story of the quarrel and adds:

"The question of strengthening the navy may be determined by balancing the political forces within the Liberal party rather than by an impartial examination of the international situation. The extreme radicals are furious at the idea that money, earmarked for various schemes of so-called social reform, should be spent for the defense of the country and threaten a formidable revolt."

"As they have the support of the labor party, Mr. Asquith and his supporters may be beaten."

All this trouble is due to the desire of Premier Asquith, Foreign Secretary Grew and War Secretary Haldane, urged by the admiralty, to build six new Dreadnaughts to cost £12,000,000. These men deliberately planned to compel the radicals in the cabinet to accept this program or get out.

The threatened ministers have been so active and their supporters in the

### WOMEN BANDITS.

Saltillo, Mex., Feb. 5.—A wave of crime here is causing the authorities anxiety. Highwaymen disguised as women are working the principal streets. Frequent hold-ups are reported, but the police are unable to catch the offenders.

### J. H. BAYER

LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PADUCAH DIES THIS MORNING.

Body Will Be Taken to Frankfort for  
Burial—Prominent Member of  
Odd Fellows.

J. H. Bayer, 78 years old, an old German resident of Paducah, died this morning at 7:35 o'clock after an illness of more than six months duration at his home, 1018 Jefferson street. Mr. Bayer had been a shoemaker for George Rock & company for 42 years. His wife died several years ago and was buried at Frankfort, where Mr. Bayer's body will be taken. He had relatives at Frankfort and Lexington. He was a member of Ingleside lodge of Odd Fellows and Union Encampment, No. 70. The Odd Fellows will have charge of the arrangements here.

### J. B. Ogilvie.

J. Benton Ogilvie, 85 years old, a pioneer citizen of McCracken county, died yesterday at his home in Joppa, Ill., after a long illness of general debility. Mr. Ogilvie was partially blind. Mr. Ogilvie was a carpenter, and built 14 churches, 12 of which were located in McCracken county. He leaves four children: Mrs. Ed Smith and Mrs. George Flowers, of Joppa, and the Rev. Fred Ogilvie, of Charleston, Mo., and William Ogilvie, of Palestine, Tex. Sheriff John W. Ogilvie, L. B. Ogilvie and Hume Ogilvie, of Paducah, and Bell Ogilvie, of Nashville, are nephews. The funeral was held this afternoon. The burial was at Joppa.

### Drennon Infant.

The one-day-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Drennon, of Florence station, died this morning and the funeral was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The burial was at the Sunny Slope cemetery.

Attorney Charles C. Grassham returned today from a business trip to Memphis and Jackson.

## Famous Town Burning

Richmond, Va., Feb. 5.—Charlottesville, where the University of Virginia is located, is burning. Help was called from Richmond and other cities.

(Bulletin—2 o'clock)—The Charlottesville fire was controlled after it threatened to wipe out the business section. Four large stores and the People's bank building were burned.

### Tobacco Sales

The sales at Bohmer's loose leaf warehouse this morning were 25,000 pounds. The prices were \$4.80 to \$5.50 a hundred.

### Association Sales.

At the Planters' Protective association salesroom 125 hogsheads of tobacco were sold at the price of \$7 to \$9 a hundred. The tobacco was all leaf and brought a good price. W. B. Kennedy purchased the tobacco.

### ASSESSMENT OF CITY PROPERTY

FALLS OFF \$75,000

The assessment of Paducah personally will fall off about \$75,000 this year. The loss found by the board of supervisors was approximately \$150,000, but half of this was made up by increases. This loss is occasioned by firms failing during the year 1908. Nearly everywhere a similar loss was reported. In Davies county the decrease approximated a million dollars.

### RAIN

Rain and colder tonight, Saturday followed by clearing and colder. Highest temperature yesterday, 65; lowest today, 54. Rainfall at 7 a. m. .25 inches.

## TELEPHONES MAY BE INSTALLED BY N. C. & ST. L. ROAD

Superintendent W. J. Hills Im-  
pressed With Demon-  
strations.

Cost and Efficiency Are Con-  
sidered.

WILL RECOMMEND A CHANGE

Gradually the telephone is displacing the telegraph instrument on the railroads in operating trains, and owing to the rapid strides the little ticker may be eliminated from service. W. J. Hills, superintendent of the Paducah-Memphis division of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, will recommend to the officials of the railroad that the telephone system be installed for the handling of the trains in his division. Superintendent Hills attended the electrical show in Chicago recently and was impressed with the successful results accomplished by the improved telephone.

One of the telephone systems was in operation showing the recent improvements made. In the first place the operator of the telephone does not have to be a skilled man, but any one can receive the messages over the telephone. One improvement is that after the train has departed the chief operator can flag the train by having a flag or signal drop at any station he may designate. When the train reaches the station it is stopped and the conductor can call up the operator and converse with him, receiving the orders quicker and without the services of the third man.

The cost of installing the telephone for use in running trains is about \$300 a mile, and the cost from Paducah to Memphis would be about \$300 00. Since the strike of the operators about two years ago many of the railroads have been watching the telephone and now they are installing the instruments.

### Pension Agents Safe.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The senate committee reported favorably on the plan to establish pension agencies.

### Alleged Bootlegger Caught.

Frank Campbell, colored, was arrested yesterday by Elwood Neel, deputy United States marshal, on a charge of bootlegging, and was placed in the county jail. Campbell is the negro, who was with Pete Bulger, when he is alleged to have sold whiskey at Benton. A warrant was issued for Bulger, but before the warrant was served he took out a United States license to sell liquor, and the charge was dismissed.

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## Direct Slap at Prest. Roosevelt Was Passage of Japanese School Bill by the California Legislature

Exchange of Messages Be-  
tween President and Gover-  
nor Results in Decision to  
Call For Reconsideration.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 5.—A rapid exchange of telegrams between President Roosevelt and Governor Gillette resulted in a plan to have a motion to reconsider anti-Japanese school bill, which passed unexpectedly yesterday. Every effort will be used to force this motion through and then defeat the bill. The governor considers the bill a direct slap at the president.

### Jap School Bill.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 5.—Johnson's bill compelling Japanese to attend separate public schools passed the assembly 48 to 26.

Johnson's other bills prohibiting aliens from being members of boards of directors and restricting them in residence districts at options of boards of supervisors was defeated. Shortly after the disposal of Johnson's bills, Drew moved that the vote by which his land bill was defeated be reconsidered. He offered to amend the measure by striking out that section which it had been declared, violated the treaty rights of several nations.

The motion was lost 36 ayes, 38 nays.

### Roosevelt Objects to Bill.

Governor Gillette received the following from President Roosevelt:

Washington, Feb. 4, 1909.

"J. N. Gillette, Governor of California. 'What is the rumor that the California legislature has passed a bill, excluding Japanese children from the public schools? This is the most offensive bill of all, and in my judgment is clearly unconstitutional, and we should at once have to test it in the courts. Can it be stopped in the legislature or by veto?'

### "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Governor Gillette immediately wired a reply to the president and asked for an answer at once. He refused to discuss the nature of the message to Washington, but will make all correspondence by wire public upon the receipt of the president's next telegram if possible.

### Was Unexpected.

The passage of the Japanese school segregation bill was entirely unexpected after the defeat of Drew's anti-alien bill, which was generally believed to foreshadow the rejection of all measures aimed at the Japanese. The defeat of two more anti-Japanese bills adds to the surprise occasioned by the vote on the school segregation bill.

Immediately upon learning of the assembly's action Governor Gillette called into conference Speaker Stanton and the Republican leaders of both houses. The latter expressed hope of still being able to defeat the measure in the assembly, and with this view Assemblyman Leeds, of Los Angeles, after the roll call, changed his vote from no to yes and gave notice that he would move to reconsider the vote of 48 to 26, by which the bill was passed.

### Wall Paper Deal

New York, Feb. 5.—Thirty manufacturers of wall paper representing the largest wall paper mills in the country, are forming an association here today.

### Pool Rooms Lose

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 5. (Special.)—The appellate court today decided that a pool room can be enjoined from operating and that the attorney general is the proper person to institute such proceedings.

### Will Receive Degree

Messrs. F. W. Bowen and W. L. Blanchard, of New Jersey, who installed the Kentucky Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, did not return this morning, but are spending the day in sight seeing around Paducah. Tonight the degree of '76 will be conferred on them at the Fraternity building. They will leave for their homes on the early morning Louisville train.

### Extend Their Trip

Another week will be spent by the county officials, who left January 26 on an inspection trip of jails and concrete bridges in Cleveland, Toledo, Brooklyn and New York. In the party are: Bert Johnson, county road supervisor; Oscar Rawlinson, former county road supervisor, and Magistrates C. W. Emery, J. J. Bleich and George W. Broadfoot. The party is expected to return next Saturday.

### INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE.

To promote the use of home manufactured goods in preference to foreign articles the first steps toward the organization of a Home Industrial league were taken last night by the Central Labor Union. The matter has been in the hands of a committee for some time, and last night the committee recommended that the league be formed, and H. C. Champion, president of the Central Labor Union, appointed the following committee to bring in the by-laws and form the organization: T. C. Culver, E. M. Willis, Polly Pell, W. J. Still and B. F. Chapple. The intention of the league will be to encourage the people to use a Paducah manufactured product when possible, and in this way the Paducah workmen will be given more employment, as the money will stay at home and circulate more freely.

## ARMS AND LEGS OF LEE WALKER TORN COMPLETELY OFF

Lee Walker, 35 years old, foreman at the Paducah Veneer and Lumber mills, was caught by his clothing in a set screw and drawn into the shafting. Both his arms and one leg were torn completely off, and the other leg was partly torn off. He is married and lives at 144 Clements street. Dr. P. H. Stewart is attending him.

### MR. EARL JOYNES ACCEPTS ADVERTISING POSITION.

Mr. Earl Joynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Joynes, has left Boston and has accepted a position in the advertising department of a newspaper in Macon, Ga. Mr. Joynes went to Boston last year and studied cartooning and drawing in an art school. While studying in school he produced several cartoons and designs for advertisements for the newspapers. When he completed his course in the art school he was offered the position in Macon and accepted. His many Paducah friends will be glad to learn of his success, as he is a young man of talent.

## ORPHANS BURNED IN HASKELL HOME AT BATTLE CREEK

Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 5.—Haskell home, Seventh Day Adventist orphan asylum, just outside the city, burned today. It is believed seven children perished. The children ranged from six months to fifteen years. Many were carried out by the janitors. Some of the bigger ones jumped from the second story windows. One girl is suffering from a fractured skull. It is feared she will die.

A roll call at the orphanage shows that three children are missing. It is believed they certainly perished in the fire. The coroner began his investigation. Charges of incendiarism heard are to be carefully probed. James Armstrong, 12 years old, stood under a window and permitted several little girls to jump on his shoulders to break the fall. He finally fell to the ground. It is feared he is crippled for life.

## CASTRO IS GOING TO VENEZUELA TO FIGHT HIS ENEMY

Berlin, Feb. 5.—Castro left the sanitarium today. He declared the suit brought against him by Gomez was only a plan to conceal his traitorous course. He said he is going back to Venezuela. It is thought his enemies will change their tactics.

## CAIRO CITIZENS COME TO PADUCAH FOR CONFERENCE

Mayor Parson Says the Epi-  
demic is Under Con-  
trol.

Humane Laws Will be Strictly  
Enforced.

MONEY FOR SCHOOLS OF CITY

Mayor Parsons, of Cairo, and a delegation of citizens, all bearing certificates of vaccination, will arrive in Paducah tomorrow for a conference with Mayor Smith and the health authorities, relative to the smallpox quarantine imposed against Cairo, and it is hoped to have it raised by the conference tomorrow.

### Police Commissioners.

The board of police and fire commissioners probably will meet one week from Monday night in extraordinary session. Several women, interested in the enforcement of humane laws, will appear before the board and ask that the police be instructed to look after animals on the street and enforce the laws against brutal treatment of them.

### Money for Schools.

City Treasurer Dorian has received a check for \$3,670 from State Treasurer Ed Farley for the Paducah public schools.

### Multi-Millionaire Dead.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 5.—William Purcell, multi-millionaire mine owner and railroad man of the southwest, is dead here of heart trouble.

### D. A. R. Chapter With Mrs. Wheeler.

Mrs. Charles K. Wheeler, 504 Kentucky avenue, is hostess to the Paducah chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, this afternoon at her home. This literary and musical program celebrates Washington Day.

### "Wampus" Is Hurt.

"Wampus," a big fine cat, the pet of the firemen at the No. 2 station, has an injured foot, while the fire ladders are playing the role of nurse to perfection. The cat is a large animal and keeps the station free of mice and rats, which get into the feed bin and cause damage. A steel trap was set in the stable and "Wampus" was nosing around when one of her feet was caught in the trap.

### Wife Repudiates Kidnap.

Baltimore, Feb. 5.—Joseph Janer, kidnapper of Katherine Loersch, 12 years old, today was indicted by the grand jury on six counts, the most serious of which was criminal assault, for which the extreme penalty in Maryland is death. He appealed to his wife in Brooklyn to hire an attorney to save him. His wife is said to have replied she wouldn't lift a finger to help him. Brooklyn friends declare the man is insane.

### Cooper Trial

Nashville, Feb. 5.—No session of the Cooper trial today. Sheriff's officers are still scouring the county for new veniremen.

### Illinois Investigation

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 5.—Florence Miller, the name given by a mysterious woman, who confessed she came here for the purpose of discrediting Assemblyman Brown, has disappeared. She was released on bond and can't be found. The police think she left the city.

### Seeking Peace

Vienna, Feb. 5.—A message from Tabriz today says: "Political clubs, which have been managing the rebellion, sent the royalist commander a request to negotiate for peace. Several recent clashes are said to have gone against the rebels."

### Found Love Ill

Elwood Neel, deputy United States marshal, returned from Wingo this morning, where he went after a man by the name of Herman Love, for a violation of the internal revenue law. Mr. Neel found his man in a very serious condition and not expected to live. Love was in a fight about two months ago and was shot. He has not recovered from the wound. Mr. Neel, on account of the sickness of his man, did not serve the papers.

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